

REMARKS

Claims 13-14 are currently pending in the present application. Early and favorable consideration are respectfully requested.

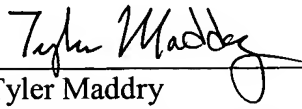
If there are any questions relating to this Preliminary Amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if it is determined otherwise, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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